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SUBJECT: LATVIA WILL NOT PROVIDE UNAMI MIDDLE RING SECURITY

REF: A) STATE 66190 B) BAEZ/GERMANO/WASER E-MAILS C)

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Classified By: Charge d'affaires Tamir G. Waser. Reason: 1.4 (D)

(C) DATT briefed the staff of MOD Slakteris prior to the minister,s trip to Iraq on our request (ref A) for Latvia to consider providing "middle ring" security for UNAMI. We know that the issue was also discussed in the Minster,s May 18 - 20 visit to Iraq with UNAMI, Embassy Baghdad, General Petraeus and others (ref B). DATT followed upon the Minister,s return with CHOD BG Maklakovs and MOD State Secretary Rinkevics. Both said that there would be no change

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in Latvia,s previously announced plans for providing training and staff billets in Iraq, but Latvia would not take on the middle ring security mission. (Comment: Latvia has never served in a UNPKO and continues to express its preference to serve mainly in NATO or US-led operations. End comment.)
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